

CABINET MINUTES

January 13, 2009

Present: IC Green, VCs Nowak, Sehr, Tharp, and Sarratore,

Absent: AAO Stroman

Old Business

Enrollment update VC Tharp

VC Tharp provided an enrollment update and mentioned our enrollment is down this spring but pointed out that last spring the ASN program had 112 students which counted for 1300 credit hours. He feels we have moved quickly to close the gap.

IC Green began a discussion about the Advanced College Project; ACP which has value where credit hours are counted and has zero value when counted towards financial support. VC Sehr mentioned he had recently attended a budget Round Table meeting and there were discussions about ACP, labor studies, and dual credit. The issue at the other regional campuses is about the value of these programs in regards to time and effort. VC Tharp mentioned that Southwest already receives half the income from ACP and maybe we should do the same. IC Green has asked VC Tharp to explore this in light of our revenue situation. IC Green pointed out that the problem we have with our standard accounting model is that it enables IU to have a higher credit rating but doesn't allow us to discount credit hours. We will watch the Commission and Legislators to see where they go with this issue and VC Tharp will set up a meeting on ACP. IC Green asked Tim Sehr to send a bill to Labor Studies for costs that reflect our support of this program. VC Sehr mentioned they do not charge us full credit hour and so we already receive a reduction in price. VCs Sehr and Sarratore agree we need some kind of compensation for supporting this program.

VC Tharp mentioned we have 25 new students and our fall retention had a three percent increase with part and full time students. Many of our BSN nursing students came here as juniors and seniors which means they do not need to take general course through Arts and Science. IC Green pointed out we need to find a balance. VC Sehr also asked if the new math policy had an impact in moving fewer students to probationary status from last semester.

Other factors affecting enrollment were discussed. Are we getting students who were attending a residential school but couldn't continue to afford it? Also, how many more adult students? These factors may have an impact on our fall enrollment. STAMATS suggest in our economic situation we should anticipate a 5% reduction in enrollment.

Budget Update VC Sehr

VC Sehr mentioned that our interest income has decreased but we should have enough in salary savings to cover the spring shortfall. Also there are necessary building repairs that cannot wait such as the Hunt Hall's cooling tower that needs repaired. IC Green said we should expend the budget down and get those necessary repairs done. Governor Daniels has made his recommendation for a 4.5% cut in operating appropriations. It will continue to be uncertain until late April as to what the budget will look like. IC Green mentioned that is a very short window for us to put our budget together. Finally there was also mention of no increase in salary to senior administrators which has yet to be defined. VC Sehr pointed out there is also increases in insurance and other assessments. We will be paying more for research and administration (campus compact) as well as Degrees of Excellence. It was suggested by IC Green that we create two to three different budget scenarios. VC Sehr reminded everyone that we must submit a balanced budget. We can use last fall enrollment figures to build the budgets. VC Sehr mentioned there was \$20,000 budgeted from Foundation and we have yet to receive it. VC Nowak said he would make an inquiry about it. With the economic issues the campus is facing it may not make sense to fund certain positions. It was decided by that certain staff and faculty searches will be suspended. It is the long term goal to fill positions. IC Green mentioned the campus mission statement promotes culture and asked Tim to explore ways to continue funding the gallery that do not involve the operating budget.

Discussion and theme issues of Spring Convocation – IC Green

IC Green mentioned Nancy sent a request for updates on the Strategic Plan goals to VCs whose areas in the plan were unreported. Keep the plan current and posted on the web. At the spring convocation VCs were asked to focus on and report to campus how much progress we have made on our strategic goals. IC Green also plans on making an announcement to campus at the spring convocation that he is appointing Sue Sciame as the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to a two year term beginning July 1, 2009, as well as announcing Gerry Stroman's appointment as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in Student Success and Advising

The discussion and development of campus Dash Board will be and agenda item at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am